



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Utah State Office
P.O. Box 45155
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155
<http://www.blm.gov>



IN REPLY REFER TO:

3590

UTU-78405

(UT-923)

10470010
RECEIVED
OCT 03 2006 OCT 02 2006
DIV OF OIL, GAS & MINING

CERTIFIED MAIL--Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Rich LaConti
American Gilsonite Company (AGC)
29950 South Bonanza Highway
Bonanza Utah, 84008

Re: Mine Plan Modification Approval, Federal Gilsonite Lease UTU-78405

MINE PLAN MODIFICATION APPROVAL

Background- During a quarterly inspection of the I-30 mine conducted on September 21, 2006 a request was approved to move the escape drift from the 300 foot level (drift is located 300 feet below the surface) to the 200 foot level. The request was made due to the fact that when ACG started to drive the drift at the 300 foot level, they hit rock in the vein. This is documented in the inspection report for September 21, 2006. BLM gave a verbal approval for this action. This letter documents the approval.

Approval- BLM approves moving the initial escapeway drift from the 300 foot level to the 200 foot level.

NEPA- There is no surface disturbance due to this action and therefore this action is Categorically Excluded (CX) under DM 518 chapter 11, paragraph F. (8) Approval of minor modifications to or minor variances from activities described in an approved underground or surface mine plan for leasable minerals. (e.g., change in mining sequence or timing.)

Bond- There is no change in the bond.

Conditions of Approval-

Within 90 days of this approval ACG shall submit a new map showing the location of the planned drift and the slopes that will be mined.

For further information contact Mr. Stan Perkes, (801) 539-4036.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeff McKenzie

James F. Kohler
Chief Solid Minerals

bcc: Central Files
Vernal Field Office
Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (Attn. Doug Jensen, 1594 West North Temple, P.O.
Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114-5801

78405 mineplan escape move approval 9-27-06 SP-SA